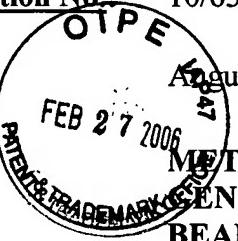


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For: **METHOD AND DEVICE FOR FORMING A DYNAMIC PRESSURE-GENERATING GROOVE IN A FLUID DYNAMIC PRESSURE-BEARING**

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Response to the Restriction Requirement of January 25, 2006 for the above-identified patent application.

FEE FOR ADDITIONAL CLAIMS

- A fee for additional claims is not required.
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The additional fee has been calculated as shown below:

	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
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Independent Claims	2	- 3	= 0	x \$200.00	= \$0.00
First Presentation of a Multiple Dependent Claim				+ \$360.00	= \$0.00

TOTAL = \$0.00

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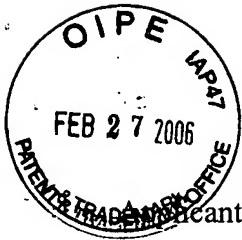
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT OF JANUARY 25, 2006

Sir:

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement of January 25, 2006, on which the shortened statutory period for response expires on February 27, 2006. Accordingly, this Response is timely filed.

In reply to the Office Action of January 25, 2006, Applicants hereby submit the following:

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS are reflected under the heading Listing of Claims, beginning on page 2 of this paper.

REMARKS begin on page 4 of this paper.